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ManTech launches information repository

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — The Industrial Base Information Center (IBIC) has introduced an industrial base information web repository that will provide interested users with valuable insight into the world of Industrial Base Planning (IBP).

The IBIC, a support activity of the Air Force Research Laboratory's Materials and Manufacturing Directorate (ML), Manufacturing Technology (ManTech) Division, is the repository for detailed information and distributes such information to individuals within the Department of Defense, other government agencies and non-government recipients as authorized.

"This repository is the primary information source, reference and data integrator for obtaining existing detailed ManTech, Defense Industrial Base, Defense Production Act, and AFMC Acquisition and Logistics information needed in the execution of Air Force programs," said Alan R. Taylor, Industrial Base Planning program manager. Managed and operated for AFRL's Materials and Manufacturing Directorate by Nortel PEC Solutions, Inc., the IBIC provides Air Force activities the capability to rapidly research industrial base issues for the purpose of identifying their impact on Air Force materiel requirements.

To support this Air Force mission effectively, the IBIC actively subscribes to and/or maintains access to a myriad of information sources, internal and external as well as private and public domains, as part of a dynamic process that provides a timely, up-to-date and complete response to a customer's request for industrial base-related information.

Some of the information available through the IBIC is for official use only because it involves military critical technologies, or is otherwise proprietary. Criteria for access to such data are strictly enforced, and requesters must have authorization to receive this data.

In order to make selected industrial base information more accessible to a wider community of users, the IBIC has developed an IBP community of practice that includes a repository of completed reports, studies and assessments prepared by a wide range of activities. Hosted through Air Force Knowledge Now (AFKN) and the Air Force Portal web servers, this repository of industrial base information is available to all government employees and contractors with AFKN/Air Force Portal login access credentials.

"The repository provides a simple search capability and includes an extensive collection of industrial base reports, analyses, and related documents prepared by the Air Force, numerous DoD offices and agencies, and other departments within the government," Mr. Taylor said.

The repository also holds all IBIC reports from the current time period and dating back as far as 1997. Industrial base sector-organized repository allows a user to access, read and copy or download any and all reports residing therein. As new projects and reports are completed, they are added to the repository, and users can provide feedback to the IBIC directly through the CoP site. This site can be accessed at <http://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/CoP/OpenCoP.asp?Filter=OO-OT-RL-03>. @

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